(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Indian Airlines has been employing casual/daily wages/ contract labours against the clear vacancies of regular work- force; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Engagement of casual workers has been done in accordance with the directions given by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in its judgement dated 9.5.1997 and 21.8.1998.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Casual/Daily wages workers are engaged only to meet temporary additional workload and shortage of staff caused due to absenteeism.

R.C. Jain Committee Report on Escalator Accident at IGI Airport, Delhi

†1992. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
DR. MOHAN BABU:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since received the report from the R.C. Jain Committee which probed the death of an eight year old girl in the escalator tragedy at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi;

(b) if so, the salient feature of the report; and

(c) what action Government have taken against the officials of the AAI for derelication of their duty which resulted in the death of the girl?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) R.C. Jain Committee submitted its interim report on 7.2.2000. The final report will be submitted by 31st March, 2000. As per the interim report the findings of the Inquiry Committee are as under:—

(1) The quality of the maintenance work by OTIS was not upto the mark. Supervision and monitoring of this work by the staff of the Airport Authority of India (AAI) was also inadequate. As a result the complate and the foot

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

plate of the esclator were lossely held and got shifted under pressure creating a gaping hole resulting in the accident;

(2) The escalator was not upgraded;

(3) The reaction of various functionaries present on the sport of accident was inadequate and lacked sensitivity; and

(4) The treatment meted out to the affected persons was quite inadequate considering the extraordinary nature of the accident.

(c) Four employees of AAI have been suspended and disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against them.

International Traffic Rights for Public Sector Airlines

1993. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to allow international traffic rights to the Public Sector Airlines for five years following their privatization;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is fact that as a result thereof, the private airlines would not be allowed to operate on international flight and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) The Civil Aviation Policy under formulation seeks to, *inter-alia*, address these issues. The draft of the Policy has been widely circulated for views/comments before finalisation.

Foreign Consultants for leasing of Airports

1994. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 459 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th February, 2000 and state:

(a) whether Government are appointing foreign consultants to suggest strategic deal in the matter; and

(b) if so, the reasons for engaging a foreign consultants?